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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of Kenichi ASHIDA *et al.* : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Appln. No.: Not Yet Assigned : Examiner:  
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For: IMAGE-WRITING DEVICE AND METHOD: Attorney Docket  
AND IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS : No. 9448-104US  
REDUCING DOT WIDTH VARIATIONS : (G0187US)  
IN RELATION TO A SCREEN ANGLE :

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

It is requested that the enclosed reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. An explanation of pertinent portions is attached.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PROPOSED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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(1) Tajima, "Color Image Reproduction Theory," Maruzen, 1996, pp. 120-123

### EXPLANATION

(1) Section 6.3 discusses methods of producing color halftone images, including error diffusion and screen methods, and explains the advantage of using different screen angles for different colors. Fig. 6.11 illustrates various combinations of screen angles, some of which lead to moire patterns, which are discussed in Section 6.4.

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